Providing safe drinking water to the people

†3700. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where Government are going to provide safe drinking water during the year 2005;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people in these villages; and

(c) the extent of money allocated to each State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water is a State subject. The State Governments are responsible for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations. The Government of India, however, provides financial assistance to the States to supplement their efforts in this direction under a Centrally sponsored scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). During the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 4050.00 crore has been allocated for ARWSP. The allocation under ARWSP is bifurcated under different components and released to the States by giving weightage for various parameters as per the following criterion—

Parameter	Weightage in Percentage
(a) Rural Population	40
(b) States under DDP, DPAP, HADP & Special category hill States in terms of rural areas	35
(c) Not Covered/Partially Covered Villages (at 2:1 ratio)	15
(d) Quality affected villages	10
TOTAL:	100

In addition to 13,56,031 fully covered and 60,884 partially covered habitations, about 3500 not covered habitations are targeted to be covered with safe drinking water supply during 2005-06.

Road connectivity to villages

†3701. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages targeted to be connected with the roads upto

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the Tenth Five Year Plan together with the rule followed relating to the population;

(b) whether this target has been achieved; the State-wise targets fixed alongwith the State-wise details of targets achieved; and

(c) the reasons for not-achieving the target in some States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched in December 2000 envisages to provide connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas of the country with a population of more than 500 persons, through good All-weather roads, by the end of the Tenth Plan period. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.

The State-wise number of Habitations to be covered and the number of Habitations being covered by road works cleared by the Ministry of Rural Development are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Though the programme goal was to connect the eligible Habitations by the end of the Tenth Plan period, targets are determined on the basis of annual budgetary allocations.

Statement

Coverage of Unconnected Habitations under the PMGSY

S. No.	State	Total No. of Habitations to be covered	Total No. of Habitations being covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	980	913
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	415	84
3.	Assam	13144	2232
4.	Bihar	17920	1793
5.	Chhattisgarh	12561	2230
6.	Goa	55	20
7.	Gujarat	4253	1001
8.	Haryana	2	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3494	1034
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2792	300
11.	Jharkhand	10696	1341
12.	Karnataka	876	322
13.	Kerala	438	393
14.	Madhya Pradesh	18492	2853
15.	Maharashtra	1751	888

Sl. No.	States	Total No. of Habitations to be covered	Total No. of Habitations being covered
16.	Manipur	598	0
17.	Meghalaya	756	98
18.	Mizoram	285	71
19.	Nagaland	94	42
20.	Orissa	14393	2668
21.	Punjab	536	418
22.	Rajasthan	11015	3726
23.	Sikkim	318	47
24.	Tamil Nadu	2640	1813
25.	Tripura	2091	260
26.	Uttar Pradesh	24284	6347
27.	Uttaranchal	2605	211
28.	West Bengal	25288	2717
	TOTAL:	172772	33822

Rural Employment Scheme

†3702. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment opportunities created in various States under the Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated and released under the scheme to Orissa and Himachal Pradesh, separately during the last three years; and

(c) the progress and the latest position of the scheme in both of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development do not implement the Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Construction of roads in H.P.

3703. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for construction of village roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana upto 28th February, 2005 in each State;

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